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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Lexington

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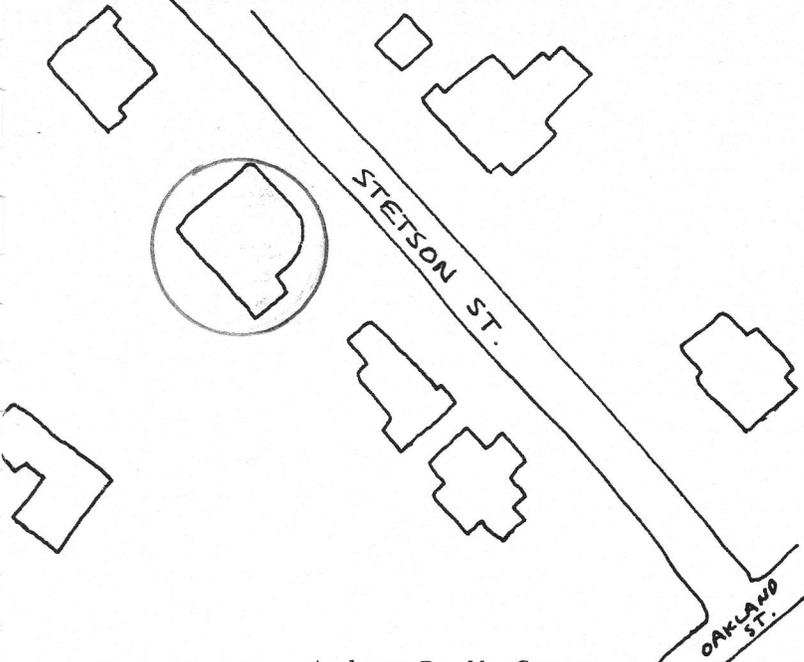
hip: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public _____

original owner _____



Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1894

Source Lexington Minute Man, Feb. 2, 1894

Style Shingle Style

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Wide Shingle

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage .4 (19020')

Recorded by Audrey R. MacCarey; Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Comm.

Date 4-19-76; March, 1984

Setting Meriam Hill; at the top of the western slope of Meriam Hill, overlooking Lexington center; on street of ample and primarily late nineteenth century houses.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

Off center front door with square window. Porch from center front wrap around right side. 3 sided 2 story bay with peaked roof left front. Right front gable w/round top attic window. Double window right of front door w/lead clear glass. 2 chimneys balanced at peak. Left side deck and balcony off second floor side and rear.

One of the few frankly Shingle Style houses on Meriam Hill, this house is a balanced composition with three-sided turret to the left of the facade and a projecting rectangular bay to the right. Dentil courses and modillions at the eaves are decorative features. Porches on the sides and rear take advantage of the panoramic view to the west.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Historic atlases seem to indicate that this property belonged to C.C. Goodwin until after 1906. However, directories and a long time resident indicate that the house was built and occupied by Frederick Lincoln Emery, a lawyer in Boston. Emery's father, George, an accountant, built a substantial house on the corner of Meriam and Stetson streets a decade earlier. F.L. Emery was president of the Field and Garden Club of Lexington and of the Mt. Pleasant Home for Aged Men and Women in Boston.

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Lexington Minute Man, February 2, 1894.

1898 map

1889 atlas 1906 atlas

1894 Directory 1899 Directory 1906 Directory

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
5 STETSON ST.

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

According to a brief notice found in the *Lexington Minute-man* on February 2, 1894, "Mr. Fred L. Emery's new house on Stetson street is conspicuous from almost any point of view in the town. It has a remarkably fine outlook and is a rare location in that it is but a few steps from the centre of the town and yet has the advantages of a detached estate without the usual accompanying disadvantages". An announcement of the wedding of Fred Emery and Grace Harrington appearing in the *Minute-man* on June 1, 1894 noted that their new house on Stetson Street had just been completed. Fred and Grace Emery continued to live here into the 1930s. Grace Emery was a Christian Scientist practitioner. Their son Leland was living here with his wife Lillian in 1942.

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Lexington Minute-Man, February 2, 1894; June 1, 1894.
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U.S. Census Records, 1900-1930.

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